



# News Release

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**NOTE: this document has been revised to clarify the charges against David M. Birdsall**

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA --** The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Clark County

In January 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program filed an amended notice of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order to **Xiaoyan Zhang**, who allegedly provided a massage to a client without having a massage practitioner credential.

In December 2014 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered medical assistant credential to **Anita Marie Bailor** (MR60414915). She must continue to abide by conditions imposed when her certified medical assistant license was placed on probation in 2014.

## King County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Mark Kirby Pain** (NA60153198) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say a drug test indicated he was under the influence of alcohol while caring for a vulnerable adult.

In January 2015 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **David M. Birdsall** (CH00034882) with unprofessional conduct. Birdsall allegedly advertised knee injections at clinics he owned despite being licensed only as a chiropractor. An employee at one of his clinics

allegedly was directed to perform patient care services for which she was improperly trained and supervised.

In January 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **John V. Riley** (PH60314128) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations say Riley worked at a hospital pharmacy where he tested positive for controlled substances on a “for-cause” screening. When asked to empty his pockets and backpack, Riley allegedly had been carrying a variety of controlled substances. Charges say Riley admitted having diverted drugs for his personal use for about seven years.

In January 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **John Chih-Yen Chen** (MD00035600) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Chen was convicted on federal charges for knowingly possessing a Medicare number, known as “possessing an authentic feature,” with intent to defraud the United States.

In December 2014 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Grethel Tatiana Perez** (NC60257270), whose exam results showed a different Social Security Number from the correct number she put on her application.

### **Kitsap County**

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jennifer Lauree Rosendahl** (NC60381028) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while Rosendahl worked at a retirement and assisted living community, she assigned a nursing assistant to distribute patient medication even though that nursing assistant isn’t allowed to do that. The nursing assistant made a medication error and reported it the next day. Charges say that Rosendahl and a third nursing assistant told the one who made the error to “keep her mouth shut” about it.

### **Mason County**

In January 2015 the secretary of health ended the suspension of health care assistant **Erin Elyse Evanoff** (HC60086445).

### **Okanogan County**

In January 2015 the Social Worker Program modified an agreement with licensed independent clinical social worker **Debra Van Brunt-Oreiro** (LW00006875) to remove a section prohibiting her from having a supervisor with whom she had a prior personal or business relationship.

### **Pend Oreille County**

In January 2015 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Timothy V. Chavis** (MD60099687) that places his credential on probation for at least two years and fines him \$1,000. Chavis discharged one patient without adequate attention to her oxygen level. He also didn’t appropriately deal with a second patient’s excessive bleeding.

### **Skagit County**

In January 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency

professional **Gerald Reeser**, also known as Jerry Reeser (CP00004142), with unprofessional conduct. Reeser allegedly lived with and had a sexual relationship with a client, falsified her drug test results, smoked marijuana with her, and took a drug that was prescribed for her. He also allegedly bought marijuana from a second client and smoked marijuana with that client.

### **Snohomish County**

In January 2015 the Counselor Program charged mental health counselor associate and agency affiliated counselor **Andrew Daniel Gipe** (MC60275954, CG60267392) with unprofessional conduct. Gipe allegedly signed documents that misrepresented his credentials as a mental health counselor instead of a mental health counselor associate.

### **Spokane County**

In January 2015 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **Lynda K. Williamson** (OP00001596) with unprofessional conduct. Williamson allegedly didn't respond to a patient's request for medical records, and didn't respond to a Department of Health inquiry.

### **Thurston County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Tawnye Lee Richards** (NC60444491) and placed her on probation for one year. Richards was convicted of second-degree possession of stolen property, once in 1997 and again in 1998. In 1999 she was convicted of four counts of second-degree possession of stolen property, three counts of third-degree possession of stolen property, forgery, two counts of first degree theft, and possession of a controlled substance.

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Aurelia Predescu** (NA00171178) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while Predescu owned an adult family home, she intentionally overcharged four patients for incidental expenses, and was reimbursed four times the amount she spent on the supplies.

In January 2015 the Massage and Hypnotherapist programs charged massage practitioner and hypnotherapist **Andrew S. Goodwin** (MA60168474, HP60168437) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that in a written statement, Goodwin admitted having rubbed a client's breasts and pinched her nipples, saying that he thought she wanted to "fool around," and asked her not to report the matter to the Department of Health.

In December 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional license to **Mandi Joelle Maycumber** (CP60498897), who must abide by conditions imposed when she received a chemical dependency professional trainee license in 2013.

Disciplinary actions

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In January 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Ross E. Vogelgesang** (MD00029447) with unprofessional conduct. Before leaving on vacation, Vogelgesang allegedly

signed blank prescription forms to be used by his physician's assistant; the forms were subsequently stolen. Charges say his "pre-signing of blank prescriptions was intended to misrepresent to insurers, pharmacists, and others that (Vogelgesang) had either written or reviewed the prescriptions."

### Out of State

**California:** In January 2015 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Garrette M. Cook** (RN60502193), placed him on probation for at least three years, and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2014, Cook's California license was placed on probation for three years.

**California:** In January 2015 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Patrick C. Freyne** (MD60114676) that reprimands him, requires continuing education on recordkeeping, and fines him \$1,000. Freyne didn't adequately treat a pancreatitis patient who later died following surgery, didn't recognize the patient's worsening condition, kept inadequate records, didn't document discussions with the patient's spouse, and didn't communicate adequately with the surgeon.

**Idaho:** In January 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Robert M. Mena** (MD00033518) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say the Idaho State Board of Medicine imposed additional sanctions on Mena's license to practice in that state based on findings Mena suffers from some level of impairment.

**Idaho:** In December 2009 the Naturopathy Board ended conditions on the credential of naturopathic physician **Anastasia D. Jones** (NT00001612).

**Oregon:** In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Janice K. Hollingsworth** (RN00129888) with unprofessional conduct. While on duty and caring for patients in a Spokane hospital's medical acute unit, charges say Hollingsworth showed signs of impairment with red, glassy eyes. She allegedly was confused and unable to report on the status of her patients to an oncoming nurse, or even to identify her patients. Hollingsworth allegedly failed drug and alcohol tests, and later told the commission she'd taken a drug prescribed for her husband.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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